Tentative Schedule of Agenda Topics for the Steering Committee Meetings March 20-May 1, 2009

March 20 (no meeting scheduled)

March 27 Meeting

Goals and Objectives

- A. SAIC provides draft goals and objectives for aquatic and terrestrial resources SC Decision: Agreement on draft working goals and objectives for use in developing the Plan.
- B. Scope of the Plan for terrestrial natural communities and covered species (i.e., NCCP coverage?)

SC Decision: Agreement on approach to NCCP coverage for natural communities and associated covered species to guide development of biological goals and objectives and conservation measures

Covered Species

A. SAIC recommendations for additional covered species

SC Decision: Agreement on covered species list and NCCP vs. CESA coverage for plants and wildlife

Habitat Restoration

A. Finalize draft habitat restoration locations, acreage targets, and conservation measures (including DRERIP input)

SC Decision: Agreement on habitat restoration locations and acreage.

Other Stressors

A. Determine which other stressors conservation measures will move forward in the Conservation Strategy development process

SC Decision: Identify Other Stressor CMs to be in Strategy.

DRERIP Evaluations

A. Recommended approach to incorporating changes to draft conservation measures based on DRERIP evaluation results

SC Decision: Agreement on process for modifying draft conservation measures based on DRERIP results.

Alternatives

A. SAIC provides BDCP alternatives to take

SC Decision: Agreement on Alternatives to Take.

April 3 Meeting

Conveyance and Water Operations

- A. Delta outflow operational and adaptive ranges (including DRERIP input) SC Decision: Identify initial operating values and adaptive range
 - values for outflow/X2.
- B. Adaptive and operational ranges for all operations parameters (including DRERIP input)

SC Decision: Determine initial operating values and adaptive range values for long-term water operations.

New Conveyance Facilities

- A. Intake/screen, connector, canal and appurtenant facilities, locations; canal sizing; and intertie location and facilities
 - SC Decision: Identify locations of all Long-Term facilities.
- B. Two-gate, Three-Mile gate locations, and other south Delta facilities for Near-Term implementation

SC Decision: Identify facilities to be included in Near-Term.

Alternatives for EIR/EIS

A. SAIC and HDR Team recommends BDCP alternatives for EIR/EIS SC Decision: Agreement on EIS/R Alternatives descriptions.

April 10 (no meeting)

April 17 Meeting

Impact and Conservation Assessment

A. SAIC terrestrial species habitat models

Decision: Agreement on species habitat models by Fishery Agencies

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Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan

A. Describe monitoring requirements and adaptive management procedures for habitat restoration and other stressors objectives and CMs

SC Decision: Agreement on monitoring requirements and adaptive management procedures for habitat restoration and other stressors.

April 24 Meeting

Habitat Restoration

A. Conservation measures for terrestrial natural communities and associated covered species

SC Decision: Agreement on conservation measures for wildlife and plants

Conveyance and Water Operations

A. Near-term operations

SC Decision: Determine relationship of OCAP to near-term operations

SC Decision: Determine initial operating values and adaptive range values for near-term water operations

DRERIP Evaluations

A. Incorporate changes to draft conservation measures based on DRERIP evaluation results

SC Decision: Agreement on DRERIP-informed revisions to conservation measures

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A. Describe monitoring requirements and adaptive management procedures for water operations objectives and CMs

SC Decision: Agreement on monitoring requirements and adaptive management procedures for water operations.

Impact and Conservation Assessment

A. SAIC provides approach to assessment of covered aquatic species and natural communities assessments

Decision: Agreement on aquatic impact assessment approach by Fishery Agencies

B. SAIC provides approach to assessment of covered terrestrial species and natural communities

Decision: Agreement on terrestrial impact assessment approach by Fishery Agencies

May 1 Meeting

Impact and Conservation Assessment

A. Work with Fishery Agencies to determine what will be baseline conditions to which impact and conservation outcomes will be compared.

Decision: Agreement on baseline description by Fishery Agencies

Implementing Structure/Governance

A. Describe structure of the Implementing Entity(ies)

SC Decision: Agreement on description of Implementing Entity structure.

Implementation Plan

A. SAIC provides draft conservation measure implementation schedule SC Decision: Agreement on implementation schedule for CMs.

